

Restless Again
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Dog & Phony Show

Well, yeah, I got all excited earlier this week when I was told that the skull of Isaac Hunt was found, on his family's property and that the FBI had taken over. Woo Hoo! The FBI finally did their job!

Hold the confetti cannons. No, they really didn't. This will take a bit to unwind. We may have to rev up the engine on the rusty ol' Wayback Bus (presently in process of being converted to all electric), and take a short tour. Since the engine is out and the wheels are off, y'all have to grab the bars at your seats and hoist it up, and walk it to where we're going, Flintstone style.

Ready? UP!

Now, back to last spring (you in the back, I want to see your feet on the ground. No faking it!) Isaac went missing after losing his mind over the murder by his brother, of his brother's girlfriend, Jemini Posey. (She has a page in the MMIW tab, help yourselves). He was texting, talking, and was a real risk to his murderous brother, D'Angelo Hunt.

The police wouldn't do anything about finding her (body). Nope, not the Tribal Cops, the BIA, nor the FBI, much less the DLPD which really didn't have jurisdiction and wouldn't be bothered if they did.

In May, Isaac "suddenly disappeared", but his family wasn't worried. His dad, Restin Hunt and the rest of them said that he had gotten or was given \$500 so he could go travel out of State, and they weren't worried about him, even though they hadn't heard from him, at all, for months.

Ok, move along here, we're moving up to fall and winter... you can put the bus down when you come to the snowy parts and the burn pits. (I thought you knew you had to wear boots and coats for this.)

Since none of the agencies that actually have jurisdiction over the rez; the FBI, BIA and Tribal Police << (not to be confused with the BIA, both of which are confused enough as it

is) refused to treat the sudden disappearance of Jemini and now Isaac, who apparently is traveling carefree across the country on \$500 for 6 months or so, people who actually cared, organized.

They formed a Search Party headed up by volunteers from the Rez and outlying areas, people who actually care about missing persons, especially mothers that suddenly vanish leaving their infant child behind, with no note or anything. They had an agent from the BIA with them to make it legit, especially if they found anything. They also secured permission from Tribal Council to conduct the search.

I mean, what's the Tribal Council going to say? No, we don't really want to look for those missing from our reservation and we really don't want to find out what happened to them? We just want to keep getting grant monies from the government to "address the problem"? No, they had no valid reason to not allow the search.

The searchers started at Jemini's and Isaac's last known location: The property of Restin Hunt. They started finding things: remnants of Jemini's clothing and her cellphone—in the burn pits on the property.

Suddenly, they were abruptly told that permission from the Tribal Council had been revoked and they were ordered to leave, immediately. The rep from St. Michael's District, Rena Little-Lohnes and her muscle, the Tribal Chair—Lonna Jackson-Street, sent word to halt the search. Rena is a relative of the Hunt family. I assume she got word from Restin or D'Angelo that they were getting too close?

Boom, search ended.

Everybody, pick up the bus, beedle on over to present week. Sit the bus down and listen.

We heard last week that Isaac's Skull had been found. Turns out, it was NOT the FBI who found it, but was in fact his family. (*What family hasn't mislaid the skull of one of their missing relatives from time to time, eh?*)

For some reason... (I'm guessing "pressure"?) Isaac's family, a few days after the grandmother of D'Angelo in Devil's Lake came screeching out from under her rock as D'Angelo was ringing the door to her apartment complex to get in, and he was flipping off

one of the searchers who was in their car shouting at him about “*where’s Jemini? What did you do with her body?*” and Granny zoomed out with her batwings flapping, “*She’s 6 feet under somewhere!*” (like that wasn’t clearly a signal that she KNOWS Jemini is dead and her body hidden??) and the video of that give-&-take was making the rounds on Social Media, probably had something to do with it, maybe?

I dunno, but here’s thing: The family decided to organize a search, on their own property—AND they invited reporters to come along. Not too orchestrated, now was it? They plodded along, serious faces firmly affixed, poking here, there, everywhere, and then just happened to come across one of their own burn pits... and voilà! (Probably don’t have the accents in the right place, but you get the idea), they uncovered a skull! And the media was there to ‘document’ that completely accidental finding...

THEN--- THEN—the FBI (more serious faces) took over the case. Yea!

To tell you the truth, I was delighted but only momentarily until I found out how this whole ‘discovery’ was made. Now, cynical me is wondering if since they only found the skull and 90% of him is still missing, they won’t in fact just declare him “missing”? Snort all you want, but the way the system works out there, it would not be a step too far.

And now, “The family asks for privacy...” sure they do. Probably more evidence to destroy?

Or this is their way of making themselves look clean after spending almost a year pretending he just was traveling the country on his \$500 windfall.

They knew where to look. They brought the media with them for the climatic reveal. (“Alas poor Isaac, I knew him well...”. – Apologies to Shakespear).

I Get Emails

(Don’t we all?) and this one landed a few days ago, right after I posted the previous blog (where I mixed up Rena and Lonna)... and they sounded like they knew exactly what they were talking about, had inside information that I did hadn’t heard about, such as:

Yes, Restin Hunt was a CI, but that was only a few months ago where the FBI made him a CI because they thought he could get his son, D’Angelo, to confess to murdering Isaac... and

that the FBI had taken a huge chunk of the carpeting out of Hunt's home to test for blood, last June... something even D'Angelo might notice.

Well, no, that's not how it works. Restin, who was likely an accomplice or an accessory to the murder(s) doesn't get instantly made into a CI so he can get a confession from his son on a murder they suspect took place in the front room (Hey, what's that blood pool? And all those fragments of bone, teeth and hair, son?) of a house they both live in. Especially not when Restin is a convicted felon, drug dealer.... He traded years earlier, for a lesser sentence and for the perks of having his criminal enterprise protected by the police, to be a CI—not last June.

“Hey Restin! We found a blood soaked carpet in your house. Wanna be a CI?” Nope.

And seriously, it doesn't take 6 months for the FBI to identify whose blood is saturating the carpet they pulled up. They have the best labs in the world. Example: They identified the skull (just found) as Isaac, in less than 3 days.

I did patiently and thoroughly respond to that email with how things work out there and why what they had told me about the very efficient FBI was laughable (because I spent decades watching how they work and why they do things in Indian Country, especially where major crimes are concerned).

I'm dyslexic and it was late so I had to read and reread that email several times before I was sure I was seeing what I was seeing. And I assumed this was a 'new guy' who wasn't aware that I had spent over 20 years on the previous blog/website detailing events, so it seemed necessary to bring him up to speed.

Anywho, I hit send before I asked my question, so I sent another email immediately asking “*Which agency are you with?*” (I'm here to help) No response. Still no response. I guess he has to clear it with his team leader before he writes again. Probably under another fake name. But that's ok. Like I said: I'm here to help.

Wrap Up

The Dog & Phony show worked: People Magazine picked up the story. Yea! Anything helps. Now, if we can just find a journalist who will dig a little deeper. I know it's a big ask.

I'm pretty sure the family is cooking up, with the help of their attorneys and perhaps the support of the FBI, a reasonable excuse as to how Isaac died, and maybe, for funsies, throw in a scenario on how Jemini died and they were honoring her wishes to be cremated... oh? They haven't found her body, skull, yet? Go ask Gramma! She knows! Or at least she has a pretty good idea! "She's 6 feet under somewhere!" *Head tilt*

Left Overs

You know Joe Bruce's skull was found years ago, right? Still no investigation on his murder. They know who did it. They're just lazy. Until some resource extraction corporation tells the government in Indian Country who to blame, they won't touch it with a pole of any length. The people involved lead to other people involved that they do business with, so, yeah, takes awhile to get a good fall guy for the most vicious crimes out there.

Their conviction against Werner Kunkel for the psycho killing of Gilbert Fassett 30 odd years ago, is crumbling all around them. Again, Lonnie Olson knew Werner was the wrong guy, but he broke every rule – or at least 200 of them—to convict the fall guy.

Joe Bruce will have to wait a little longer. So will his more recently murdered sister.

So will Camey DuBois... and so on, and so on.

It's the volunteers who show up and demand accountability that get ANYTHING happening out there. God bless them, every one.

Single File

Y'all can get out of the bus now. Promise you, it will be converted into all electric the next time you have to ride in it. It's even going to hover!

You, you know who you are: Next time you go to the bathroom BEFORE you get on the bus, y'hear? Maintenance crew gonna be extra mad about this one.

You know where to find me.

~Cat